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## **STATEWIDE POLICY LEADERS IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT TO MEET IN SACRAMENTO**

SACRAMENTO - The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) will address the latest trends in alcohol and drug addiction during a statewide conference in Sacramento on May 4-6 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

The conference, "Designing the Roadmap: Research to Policy-Shaping the Future of Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services" will bring together agency administrators, policy makers and industry researchers to shape California's future in alcohol and drug treatment.

"This treatment conference is a forum for alcohol and drug treatment leaders to discuss and make recommendations on policy issues and learn more about the most effective practices," said Kathryn P. Jett, director of ADP. "The conference represents an opportunity for the field to come together to discuss many issues, including what we can do to improve our programs and services."

Leaders in the field of substance abuse treatment attending the conference will include H. Wesley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., CAS, FASAM, and director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and Thomas McLellan, Ph.D., psychologist and professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition, key members of the treatment community will be recognized at a special awards ceremony for the invaluable service they provide to individuals experiencing alcohol and substance abuse problems. The conference will cover such key issues as co-occurring disorders, adolescent treatment, perinatal substance abuse and treatment strategies for the criminal justice client.

On any given day in California, more than 100,000 individuals are receiving publicly funded treatment services, and each month more than 13,000 Californians are on a waiting list for treatment. According to 2002-03 California Alcohol and Other Drug System statistics, methamphetamine addiction is the primary drug of choice for 29 percent of clients entering treatment, surpassing alcohol and heroin at 22 percent each.

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